

Summary of IDEM Steering Group Meeting WATER QUALITY RULES, TRIENNIAL REVIEW AND RELATED TOPICS

Introduction:

On Thursday, October 3, 2002, IDEM staff met for the third time with a wide cross-section of stakeholders which make up the steering committee to IDEM for the triennial review of the state's water quality standards and related issues. These notes are intended to be a summary of the major points from the meeting held at IDEM's Shadeland offices.

The meeting was called to order by Tim Method. From the sign-in sheet, those in attendance for all or part of the meeting included: Art Umble, Bill Beranek, Bob Johnston, Bowden Quinn, Chad Frahm, Diana Toth, Don Larson, Eric Fry, Glenn Pratt, Jim Meyer, Kari Evans, Kent Halloran, Neil Parke, Randy Lewis, Robin Feller, Ron Turco, Rose Filley, Tim Lohner, Tom Neltner, Tom Simon and Tonya Galbraith.

In addition, the following IDEM staff members were present for all or part of the meeting: David Kallander, Dennis Clark, John Elliott, John Nixon, Jon Mangles, Kiran Verma, Larry Wu, Lonnie Brumfield, MaryAnn Stevens, Mary Ellen Gray, Megan Wallace and Reggie Baker.

Summary:

The meeting began by recapping the past activities of the steering committee: identifying key issues (mercury, E.Coli, antidegradation and additional issues that can be resolved in an expedited manner), formation of 3 smaller groups to submit proposed game plans for the first three issues, and the distribution of those plans to the committee for comment.

The steering group discussed the following:

1. Expedited Rulemaking. The committee discussed the list of candidate issues suitable for expedited rulemaking. They were further categorized as being either satisfactory to proceed, or as requiring more discussion. No issue on the list was eliminated by the committee. No additional issues were added by the committee.
 - A. Candidate Article 2 Changes
 - 1) Criteria and Methodologies
 - a) Bioaccumulative chemicals of concern (BCCs) – More discussion.
 - b) Dissolved metals – OK.
 - c) Free cyanide – OK.
 - d) Methodologies for aquatic life – OK.
 - e) Methodologies for wildlife – More discussion.
 - f) General narrative criteria – OK.

- g) Narrative criteria for whole effluent toxicity – OK.
 - h) Site specific modifications – OK.
 - i) Arsenic – More discussion.
 - j) Dissolved solids, fluoride and sulfates – More discussion.
 - k) Ammonia – More discussion.
 - l) Temperature – More discussion.
 - m) Mercury – To be included in the mercury rulemaking.
 - n) Averaging periods for BCCs – More discussion.
 - 2) Other Article 2 Candidate Changes.
 - a) Update 327 IAC 2-1.5-4(c) language – OK.
 - b) Delete Table 8-11 in 2-1.5-8(k) – OK.
 - c) Update incorporation by reference – OK.
 - d) Minor technical changes to the rule – OK.
 - B. Article 5 Candidate Changes (clarifications and technical changes)
 - 1) Basic NPDES Requirements – OK.
 - 2) Implementation Procedures – OK.
 - 3) Lake and Sinkhole Discharger Rule – OK.
 - 4) Small Sanitary Discharger Rule – OK.
2. Mercury. The workplan was accepted and “variance” was dropped from the name of the workgroup, not to imply other outcomes would not be considered. Members of the committee suggested Dick Van Frank and Tom Neltner be added to the workgroup if they are interested in participating.
 3. E.Coli. The draft workplan was generally accepted. A solicitation was made for additional members. A process was outlined where meetings would occur once a month. It was suggested holding some of the meetings at Purdue. Concern was raised over the manner by which representatives were selected. The possibility of separate public meetings to solicit input regarding participation was suggested.
 4. Antidegradation/OSRW. The draft workplan was generally accepted. About ten to twelve people have volunteered for the workgroup. Looking to schedule the first meeting for the next several weeks. It would be useful for the members to have a copy of the final Water Quality Advisory Group report. A member of the committee pointed out the importance of keeping Jane Dustin in the information loop.
 5. Public Participation. This should be a major discussion at the next committee meeting. A member of the committee stated this could wait until sufficient information had been gathered for public interest. It was pointed out that the early participation by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service would be beneficial. Information will be posted to the IDEM website.

6. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2002, from 10:00am to Noon, at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 2525 North Shadeland Avenue, Conference Room C, Indianapolis, Indiana.